

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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REMOVAL OF ENCROACHMENT IN DELHI
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there are existed some encroachments on defence land in Delhi;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether despite the order of the High Court, encroachment from the defence land in Delhi has not been removed so far;
- (d) if so, the nature of the said encroachment and the persons involved in it; and
- (e) the reasons for not removing these encroachments?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

- (a) & (b): Yes, sir. Approximately 100.2186 acres of Defence land is under encroachment in Delhi.
- (c) In pursuance of the directions of the Hon`ble High Court of Delhi, given on 6.2.2002 in Writ Petition No. 3761/2000, instructions have been issued to all concerned to take all possible steps for removal of encroachments on Defence land.
- (d) & (e): Most of the encroachments are by various individuals in the form of extending their holdings, temporary/permanent buildings and huts etc. Action for removal of encroachments is taken under the provisions of Cantonments Act, 1924 and Public Premises (Eviction of Unauthorised Occupants) Act, 1971. The process of detection and removal of encroachments is a continuous exercise. Some of the encroachments are under litigation and their removal is subject to Court orders.